

# **Veterans' Affairs Committee**

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor and Council Chambers
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

# Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes Approved: May 13, 2015

## 1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Secretary, Samantha Bivens at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present: Representing:

Norman Ross Arizona Korean War Veterans Association

Samantha Bivens American Red Cross

Carol Rundell Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
C.W. Hall Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4

Phyllis Russell Esperanza En Escalante

Terry Byron Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk Gerald Petersen Military Officers Association of America

Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman Military Order of the Purple Heart

Ed Torres, Chairman Missing in America Project

Paul Marsh Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Bruce Hamilton Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

Dan Ross Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

Steven Walker

Valerie Davis

William Burks

American Legion Post 7

AMVETS Post 770

DAV Cactus Chapter 2

Murray Baker Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

**Staff Members Present:** 

Donna DeLeon City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

**Others Present:** 

Michael Rundell Spouse of Carol Rundell

Dee Brunner Operation Exodus Representative

Jeff Brunner Spouse of Dee Brunner

# 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Chairman Torres.

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#### 4. Introduction of Guests

Dee Brunner presented information on Honor Flight and 1 handout was distributed. Jeff Brunner, spouse of Dee Brunner and Michael Rundell, spouse of Carol Rundell were acknowledged.

#### 10. Dee Brunner to present Operation Exodus Appreciation Certificates

This item was taken out of order. Dee Brunner distributed Certificates of Appreciation for participation in Operation Exodus. No further action was taken.

# 5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from March 11, 2015

It was moved by Committee Member Petersen, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members Baker, Davis, Burks and Walker absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the March 11, 2015 meeting.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member Byron, a handout was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members Baker, Davis, Burks and Walker absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

## 7. Consideration / Approval of New Members

There were no new members for consideration.

# 8. Committee Reports

# a. Airport Military Lounge

No report was given.

## b. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

## c. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

A brief report was given by Committee Member Marsh.

#### 9. Operation Exodus

Brief update was given by Committee Member Byron. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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# 10. Dee Brunner to present Operation Exodus Appreciation Certificates

This item was taken out of order and was considered after agenda item number 4.

# 11. Veterans Day Parade Committee Participation

A discussion was held. Correspondence will be drafted by Chairman Torres, requesting the City of Tucson support funding for the Veterans' Day Parade. To be distributed upon committee approval.

## 12. Recruitment of New Members and Organizations

A discussion was held. It was agreed flyer will be drafted by Committee Member Byron, and distributed, subject to committee approval.

## 13. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members N. Ross, Hamilton, Rundell, Byron, and Chairman Torres. No handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

## 14. Future Agenda Items

- Approval of flyer for recruitment of new members and organizations
- Approval of correspondence requesting funding for the Veterans' Day Parade
- Summer Recess

#### 15. Salute to Colors

# 16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.